

Note to SR/EO

1. General Keegan raises a valid point--i.e., we should have available comprehensive information about government sponsored research of interest to the Intelligence Community. He does not, however, demonstrate that he has investigated the facts before making many of his assertions nor is he logically rigorous in deriving conclusions. In short, he may be right, but it ain't necessarily so.

2. He claims that a complete listing of external contracts for intelligence support is not available. According to him this lack--by itself, apparently--has led to increasing duplication, unnecessary expenditures, inadequate studies produced in isolation using selective data bases, and a crushing unprogrammed burden on those who generate data bases.

3. From OSR's viewpoint, better information on contract research is important, and SR/RM is especially interested in view of our responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the external contract activity sponsored by the office. We have not investigated what information is readily available and so can not judge the accuracy of General Keegan's assertion. Many agencies, however, have research performed for their use alone and carefully control the dissemination of the results. For example, DDR&E has sponsored a substantial body of research on Soviet R&D and on the implications of technology transfer. Much of this work has been presented in a format which is releasable only to the DDR&E. Anything USIB might do to centralize and disseminate information about external contractor activity would be useful. I think that it will always be necessary, however, to depend on leg work and informal contacts to find out about a good deal of interesting work going on in the government.

4. The basis for the cryptic assertions in paragraphs 8, 9, and 10 escape me. In fact, an audit of all intelligence research contracts accomplished in recent years might be a highly useful exercise. One might even suggest that some systematic examination of past contracts should be necessary for anyone to make assertions about unnecessary expenditures, inadequate studies, incomplete and selective data, contractor integrity, etc.

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Remarks: <p>Attached, from [] are some comments concerning a recent memo from George Keegan. Thought you, [] and Sam Wilson might find the comments useful. I leave it to you to send on to [] and Sam.</p> <p>Judging from recent comments I have had from various Pentagonians, Keegan has been busily engaged charging that the Agency (specifically OSR) is spending heavily in external research. It is not true and I am not sure of Keegan's intentions. Nevertheless, his suggestion has merit.</p>			
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2) DoD

Attached are some unsolicited comments from OSR on General Keegan's recent memo regarding possible duplication in government-sponsored external research.

no Note that Hank is leaving to us to forward these on to [redacted] and Sam Wilson.

How about also sending OSR's comments to OCI, OER, OPR, and OBGI?

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